

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION**

As the below named co-inventors, we hereby declare that we verily believe we are the original and first joint co-inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: LOW PROFILE RADIOPAQUE STENT WITH INCREASED LONGITUDINAL FLEXIBILITY AND RADIAL RIGIDITY which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification and claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby appoint Robert E. Fischell, a co-inventor as our attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We hereby declare that we are a citizens of the United States of America and that the address and residence for each of us are one and the same and are stated below under our names.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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